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SUBJECT: 40TH MEETING OF U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR
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1. U.S. NATIONAL COMMISSION AT ANNUAL MEETING IN WARREN-
TON, VIRGINIA, DEC 9-11, ADOPTED NUMBER OF IMPORTANT
ACTIONS WHICH WERE AIR POUCHED PERMDEL DEC 14. MOST
IMPORTANT OF THESE WERE RESOLUTIONS ON RESTORATION OF U.S.
FUNDING AND ON MASS MEDIA ISSUE TEXTS OF WHICH ARE BEING
SENT BY SEPTTEL.

2. RESOLUTION ON RESTORATION OF U.S. FUNDING, DRAFTED BY
DRS. LYONS AND BUERGENTHAL AND REQUIRING DAY AND HALF OF
BEHIND SCENES NEGOTIATION, IS ESSENTIALLY COMPROMISE
RESOLUTION. ALTHOUGH MAJORITY OF MEMBERS WOULD HAVE
PREFERRED RESTORATION OF FULL PAYMENT AND HAD VOTES TO
IMPOSE THEIR WILL, PRESENT FORMULATION OF REINSTITUTING
"SUFFICIENT PAYMENTS SO THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT CAN CON-
STRUCTIVELY PURSUE ACTIVE POLICIES TOWARD THE GOAL OF
FURTHER REDUCING THE EFFECTS OF DISRUPTIVE POLITICS ON
THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION AND INCREASING ITS
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OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS" WAS ONLY WORDING WHICH COULD

OBTAIN CONSENSUS. FEELING OF DRAFTING GROUP AND NUMBER OF OTHER SENIOR COMMISSIONERS WAS THAT IT WAS MORE

IMPORTANT AT THIS STAGE TO REPORT OUT CONSENSUS RESOLUTION AND LEAVE IT TO CONGRESS TO DECIDE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF RESTORATION OF FUNDS THAN TO BE DIVIDED OVER AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE RESTORED. AS CONCESSION, GROUP FAVORING ONE YEAR RESTORATION OF FUNDING (THE MINORITY) AGREED TO INSERTION OF OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH "CALLING UPON MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN UNESCO PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THE HIGHEST PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS ARE APPLIED TO THE WORK OF THE ORGANIZATION." PERMDEL WILL RECALL THAT ONE OF MAIN OBJECTIVES OF COMMITTEE FOR A MORE EFFECTIVE UNESCO DURING PAST TWO YEARS HAS BEEN TO ENCOURAGE NON-PARTICIPATION OF AMERICAN INTELLECTUALS IN UNESCO WORK. IN SUMMARY, RESOLUTION NEEDS TO BE CAREFULLY READ WITHIN CONTEXT OF SITUATION IN WHICH U.S. NATCOM IS OPERATING WHICH IS ONE OF LESSENING POLARITY BETWEEN OPPOSING CAMPS BUT STILL DISAGREEMENT AS TO HOW BEST TO PROCEED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN U.S. INFLUENCE IN UNESCO. VIEWED IN THIS LIGHT RESOLUTION REPRESENTS FORWARD STEP.

3. OTHER IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS INCLUDED THOSE (A) URGING COOPERATION WITH UNESCO IN STUDYING THE STATUS OF WORLDWIDE FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, (B) FAVORING THE CREATION OF PANEL OF EXPERTS TO ADVISE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ON THE PROPOSED UNESCO DECLARATION ON RACE AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION; (C) SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF THE MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE PROGRAM; AND (D) URGING ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION TO HELP BACKSTOP EFFORTS OF THE U.S. PERMDEL IN THIS FIELD.

4. U.S. NATCOM ISSUED PRESS RELEASE ON ANNUAL MEETING DECEMBER 13 (COPY OF WHICH BEING SENT BY POUCH). JACK FOBES WAS IN ATTENDANCE FOR DELIBERATIONS ON FRIDAY ONLY AND WAS THUS NOT PRESENT DURING VOTING ON KEY RESOLUTIONS. U.S. NATCOM BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT BOTH DG AND DDG UNDERSTAND BACKGROUND OF RESOLUTION ON UNCLASSIFIED

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RESTORATION OF FUNDS SO THAT LATTER IS NOT MISINTERPRETED. KISSINGER

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